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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2586

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 2071

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US
SUBJECT: MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT - PRESS CONFERENCE

1. LOCAL REP SEALAND CORPORATION (CARROLL) CALLED ME MAY 16 TO SAY THAT MAYAGUEZ WILL ARRIVE SINGAPORE AT 1500 MAY 17 AND DOCK AT SEMBAWANG AT 1800. FOLLOWING DOCKING PRESS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TOUR SHIP. PRESS CONFERENCE INVOLVING CAPTAIN AND POSSIBLY ALL MEMBERS OF CREW IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT MANDARIN HOTEL EVENING OF MAY 17. ADVANCE INDICATIONS ARE THAT IT WILL BE WELL ATTENDED BY INTERNATIONAL PRESS. ABC AND NBC WITH JACK PERKINS ARE SENDING TELEVSION CREWS TO COVER BOTH ARRIVAL AND PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. CARROLL SAID CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF SEALAND ARRIVING SINGAPORE MAY 17 AND THAT NEW CREW WILL BE FLOWN OUT TO MAN SHIP AND RETURN FORMER CREW TO U.S.

3. SEALAND HAS OFFERED TO PERMIT EMBASSY OFFICER TO GO OUT ON PILOT SHIP AND BOARD MAYAGUEZ IN ADVANCE OF DOCKING. (COMMENT: FROM PR POINT OF VIEW BELIEVE THIS COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IF PRESS LEARNED THAT EMBASSY HAD ADVANCE ACCESS TO CAPTAIN AND CREW.)

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE WHETER EMBASSY SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCEPT SEALAND OFFER AND IF SO WHETHER WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN ANY FACTS FROM CAPTAIN OR CREW OR PROVIDE ANY GUIDANCE IN ADVANCE OF PRESS CONFERENCE.
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